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TED BOXALL DIES:

I'm sorry to have to announce the passing of another long-time, loyal C.A.W.M.C. member, Ted Boxall. Ted, who joined CAWMC in 1984, passed away on June 30th. He had celebrated his 91st birthday on April 29th. Ted was also a long-time member of the North York Coin Club. Our sincere condolences go out to his family and many friends.



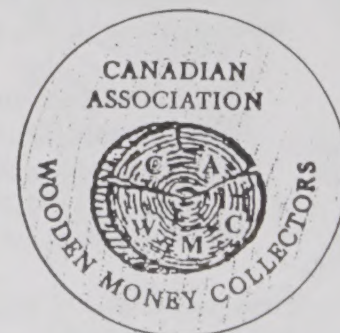
EDITOR'S COMMENTS:

Your editor attempts to mail this 'Timber Talk' newsletter on the first mailing day of each month and therefore the work of preparing it for mailing, has to be completed well in advance of the end of the month, with finishing touches during the last week. The Canadian Numismatic Association convention is now history, as is our annual C.A.W.M.C. general meeting. Since this meeting took place in later July (Sunday the 24th), and since I was unable to attend, I have no immediate information from the meeting. I expect that our next month's newsletter will be dominated by C.N.A. convention and C.A.W.M.C. general meeting news.

I do know that the wood, shown here, was to be distributed at our annual C.A.W.M.C. breakfast meeting on July 24th, so I am showing it now. You will note that it recognizes C.A.W.M.C.'s 30 years of existence. The wood is blue in colour on both sides. This wood will also be the 'Free Wood' for next month, as enough were made to distribute to all members.

Once again I thank the contributors to this month's newsletter. David Phillips continues his "Alaskan Chronicle" on page five. Dave Gillespie has uncovered two previously unknown 'woods' and he describes his experience surrounding this discovery. Regular contributor, Lou Vesh has written about one of his and wife Yvonne's, previous trips and thus a recent, personally made wood.

Many thanks, to all three of these people, for their much-appreciated contribution. They have certainly made my job easier. Now, let's keep the articles coming, please.



PENN-OHIO WOODEN MONEY COLLECTORS (POWMC) SHOW:**PAST PRESIDENTS:**

Garry Braunwarth – 1975-1977

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Don Robb – 1979-1981

Stan Clute – 1981-1983

Neil Probert – 1983-1985

Norm Belsten – 1985-1991

Pat White – 1991-1995

Lou Vesh – 1995-2001

Earl Salterio – 2001-2003

This third, annual swap meet and show will take place on **Saturday, September 17th, 2005** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the **Quality Inn of Hermitage, Pennsylvania** Exit 4 I-80 and PA Route 18N.

A block of rooms at \$60.00 U.S. for a single or double per night, has been set aside. The block expires August 30, 2005. Call the hotel at 724 – 981 – 1530 for reservations.

Table reservation or information can be gotten from CAWMC member Rich Boyles 734 Greenfield Rd., Mercer, PA 16137-2608.

I have attended this show in the past and highly recommend it. You will enjoy yourself.

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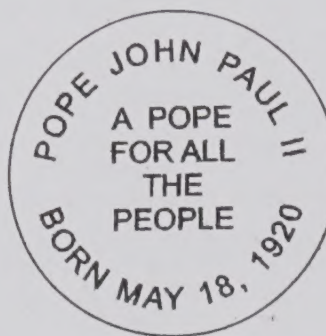
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FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH

This month's free wood has been donated by C.A.W.M.C. member Edward MacPherson of Sydney, Nova Scotia.

The wood recognizes the life and death of Pope John Paul II. The 'Born May 18, 1920' side of the wood is blue in colour while the 'Died April 2nd 2005' side is red.

Thank you Ed for this donation.

MY WOODEN NICKEL'S WORTH..... *by Lou Vesh*

Is there such a thing as a wooden nickel with dual citizenship? I ask this because the nationality of the wood shown at right is questionable. The subject of the wood is the "Mohegan Sun", a resort / hotel / casino, located near the Atlantic coast, in the state of Connecticut, U.S.A.

The issuer, however, being yours truly and truly Canadian, made them up and passed them out to each and every person aboard the DKM Travel Services tour bus that carried us from Toronto to our American destination and return. The bus company, all the passengers, the driver, and the guide,

are Canadian. In other words, in the phrase "We were there", the "we" is Canadian and the "there" is American. Hence the maple leaf above and the American flag below the name. So.....?

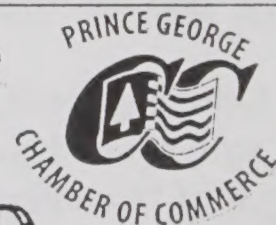
Anyway, the idea went over well, as the people seemed quite thrilled to receive them. They were distributed appropriately on our way home in order to conform to the statement "We were there!". And no doubt it was, for some, a first time to own a wooden nickel.

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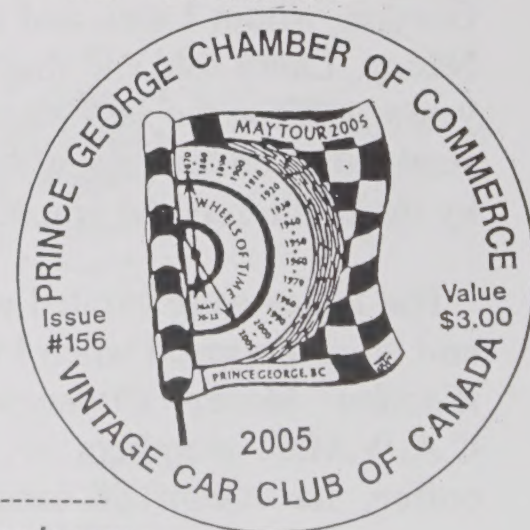
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DISCOVER A LITTLE (COUNTRY SUNSHINE) -by Dave Gillespie

It was a sunny Sunday morning in Wasaga Beach and I decided to head out to a local flea market to fill in some time and to see what I could find!!

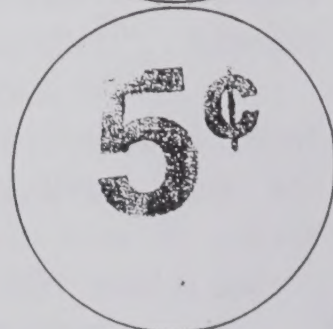
It was a little after 8:00 a.m. and the vendors were just setting up, including a coin dealer who was of particular interest to me. I asked if he had any Terry Fox loonies, (which I hadn't been able to find at the bank), and wooden nickels. Bingo, yes to both. I pulled up a chair and started going through his three-ring binder. An hour later I had successfully found a dozen or more 'woods' that I needed and two that I hadn't seen before nor did they appear to be listed in my Canadian Wood Catalogue.

I asked the dealer about the first one; the **Orillia Coin Club's 35th Anniversary** wood which was gold on the obverse side and two different reverse colours, either blue or purple. He said it was issued by the **Champlain Coin Club** in 1997 but nobody thought to provide Ross Kingdon, our Bulletin Editor, with a write-up or story regarding its origin for 'Timber Talk', or Norm Belsten for the Canadian catalogue entry. A lesson to be learned in the interest of all wooden money collectors!!!

Regarding the second unidentified wood, the dealer seemed to know little or nothing about it. The obverse was stamped "**Redeemable at Country Sunshine, 5 Louisa Street, Creemore, Ontario**" and the reverse "**5 Cents**".

The following week, on my way to our trailer at Wasaga Beach, my wife Carolyn, and I, veered off Airport Road and went into Creemore in search of "Country Sunshine". At the north end of the village we spotted a Shell Service Station and a sign advertising Country Sunshine, so we pulled in. The business is a service station, old-fashioned candy and ice cream store, coffee shop, variety store and Sears Catalogue Outlet combined. The business is owned by Joan Gordon, whom I met, and is staffed by two lovely ladies, Laura and Nancy. Laura told me that the business has been there for over 15 years and for the last several years they have handed out a hand-stamped 'wooden nickel' to patrons of the Gas Bar to be redeemed by their children and grandchildren in the old-fashioned candy store.

The ladies were excited when I asked about their 'wooden nickel' and were surprised when I told them that a *Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors* existed. They cordially invite all C.A.W.M.C. members to stop into "Country Sunshine" for gas, coffee, ice cream or candy and of course, a 'Wooden Nickel'.



*AN ALASKAN CHRONICLE: - by David Phillips - continued***KOTZEBUE:** -Alaska's farthest north wood:

This town of 3,074 people lies on a sand spit at the end of the Baldwin Peninsula in Kotzebue Sound, on the northwest coast of Alaska. It is 33 miles ABOVE the Arctic Circle! The Kotzebue Sound was named after Otto Von Kotzebue, a German mariner, who was exploring for Russia, and who 'discovered' the Sound in 1818.

The site has been occupied by Inupiat Eskimos for hundreds of years. Today, the population of Kotzebue is still seventy-six percent Inupiat Eskimo.

Kotzebue has developed into a supply center for the ten satellite villages in the northwest Arctic, plus one village in the North Slope area. Kotzebue was incorporated as a city in 1958.

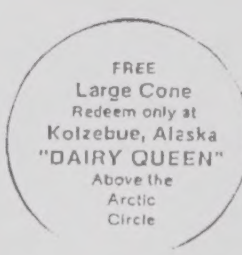
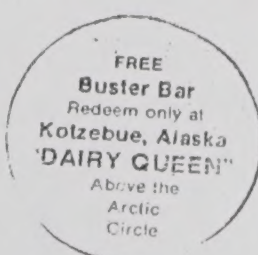
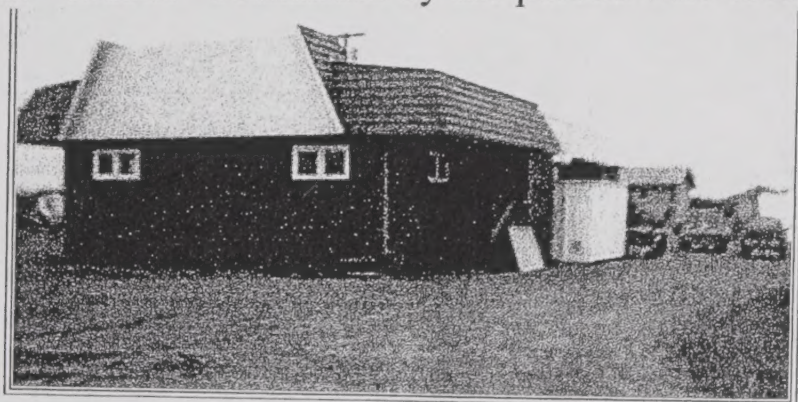
The primary 'industries' which provide employment in the area are: Government Services, Shipping, Warehousing & Transferring of Goods activities, Fishing, Airport Center for the area, (eg: both land & sea plane bases), some Mining (Cominco's Alaska Red Dog Mine) and some Oil and Gas Exploration activity.

The four 'woods' I am showing from Kotzebue, are all from the same issuer – a Dairy Queen. Can you imagine a Dairy Queen 33 miles above the Arctic Circle?!?! Well, it only was in business for a relatively short while. (I am working on finding out precisely when this D.Q. was actually in operation.) The building from which it operated is still there (see picture) and has the distinctive D.Q. look/roof-line, but is now being used by a Government agency, eg. the National Park Service.

The four 'woods' all have red ink on both sides and the asterisk on the obverse is the Large Asterisk (as opposed to a medium or small asterisk on some Dairy Queen woods).

These 'woods' are very difficult to come by and furthermore, are likely the only Kotzebue woods to come out of this 'City'.

Note the "caustic" comments by the person who took the picture.



A warning to would-be entrepreneurs thinking of starting a business in Kotzebue, Alaska: consider a customer focus group first. This is the Dairy Queen restaurant - please note it's been out of business for some time. The Inupiat diet is different from the typical American diet; for example, there are no cattle in the Arctic, so beef is foreign to most Inupiat. Do you think the average, beef-loving American would pay US\$8 for a hamburger? No? Well, what do you expect the average, beef-indifferent Inupiat would do?

SNIPPETS OF OUR C.A.W.M.C. PAST: - continued - R.Kingdon

In my previous writings, I have been describing some of our C.A.W.M.C. FIRSTS, and so continue with some more of these and then a bit of THIS and THAT.

Our *FIRST Canadian* 'wooden money' manufacturer was **Jim Delune**y of Angus, Ontario. Jim began manufacturing 'woods' in 1980 under the name "*Delune*y's *Wooden Nickel Company*". I believe that Jim was also the first Canadian, who in 1984 began to use the *hot stamp foil process* to print on woods. Jim passed away in 1992. Shown here is one side of a round and a flat (size-reduced), both made by Jim using the hot stamp process.

Our *FIRST Canadian* Balsa wood Flat manufacturer was **Victor Borrow** of Weston, Ontario. Victor bought his own press and began this process in Canada when Frank DeGilio of the U.S.A. was cutting back on his business because of ill health. On Victor's passing in June 1987, John Regitko acquired Victor's press. Shown here is one side of the many Balsa flats (size-reduced), made by Victor.

As an aside to this, I believe it was current CAWMC member **John Lawrence** (R168) who purchased Frank DeGilio's press (Nov. 1985) and began doing Christmas 1985 Balsa flats. I believe also that John is now selling or has just recently sold that large press. Correct me if I'm wrong.

Most 'woodies' are familiar with the *Prince George Spruce Dollars* issued yearly from Prince George, British Columbia. The *FIRST* one of these (shown here reduced in size) was issued in 1958 commemorating the Grey Cup Parade of that year. Many have been issued since then. This year's (2005) Spruce Dollar is advertised elsewhere in this newsletter.

The *FIRST SPRUCE-LIKE Dollar*, (Note the 'Spruce-Like'), not related to Prince George, B.C., was issued from *Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan* in 1982 to commemorate their Centennial. It is shown here, also size reduced. Moose Jaw also issued a second one in 1983.

In my opinion, this next *FIRST* is something about which no C.A.W.M.C. member should be proud. It is reported in the June 1989 newsletter (page 2), "*For the first time in CAWMC's history an election is not required...*" Since that time, this same situation has occurred. Why is it that so many people are so reluctant to get involved in their organization? I became editor in 1995 and since then there has only been *one* ballot mailed out to members, that being for the position of 'Governor'. Next month I'll wind this up with 'This and That'.

